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Dear Stakeholder:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) is revising the existing regulation pertaining to Portable Fuel Containers (PFCs). Our intent is to develop revisions that will improve customer acceptance, the ongoing enforcement program, and provide assurance that the regulation achieves the estimated emissions reductions.

In our next revision to the regulation, we intend to include regulatory language that will allow automatic closure devices that operate by means other than by removing the container from the target tank. The changes will require these types of systems be certified for the small test fixture only, limited to not more than ½-gallon capacity, and requires a unique spout fitting to ensure the spout will not fit other size containers.

In addition, we are proposing to reevaluate the Consumer Acceptance Requirement found in the current version including the criteria and the required passing score. Modifications to this portion of the regulation will be completed when additional data are available from consumer surveys and focus group studies conducted by the ARB staff.

At the request of manufacturers during our May 18, 2004 public workshop, we are including an attachment that summarizes emissions projections for PFCs. The attachment includes pre-regulation emissions, projected emissions as a result of the original rulemaking, and our estimates of the current emissions for the various categories. As you can see, we have achieved the expected emissions reduction in the evaporation category, but fallen short in the permeation, and spillage categories.

If you have questions or need additional information regarding the proposed PFCs regulation, please contact Dennis Goodenow at (916) 322-2886 or Joseph Fischer at (916) 323-1169.

Sincerely,

/S/

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Attachment

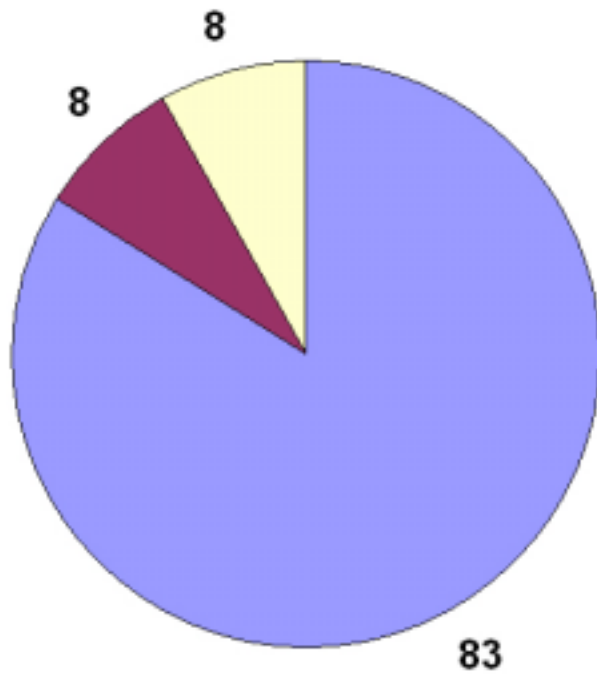
*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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## Comparison of Emissions from Portable Fuel Containers

**Pre-Regulation Emissions**  
99 TPD



**Expected Post-Regulation Emissions**  
24 TPD



**Estimated Current Emissions**  
35 TPD

